

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 1:15-cr-10108-JDB-1

JEFFREY RICE, JR.,

Defendant.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT’S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Before the Court is the request of the Defendant, Jeffrey Rice, Jr., for appointment of counsel to assist him in seeking compassionate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582. (Docket Entry 29.) A prisoner has no constitutional or statutory right to counsel in § 3582 proceedings. *See United States v. Dorsey*, No. 3:11-CR-77-TAV-HBG, 2020 WL 3977612, at *3 (E.D. Tenn. July 14, 2020). Moreover, § 3582 motions are “not complex, either legally or factually.” *United States v. Terry*, Criminal Case No. 11-20752, 2020 WL 6793324, at *1 n.1 (E.D. Mich. Nov. 19, 2020). As the Defendant has failed to convince the Court that this case involves such complex facts or legal issues as to warrant appointment of counsel, the motion is DENIED. *See United States v. Booker*, Case No. 4:11-CR-127 (10), 2020 WL 6487196, at *2 (E.D. Tex. Nov. 4, 2020) (where movant failed to raise any factually or legally complex issues that could arguably justify the appointment of counsel, motion for such relief denied).

The Clerk is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this order to Rice at the address listed on the docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of February 2021.

s/ J. DANIEL BREEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE